

Contact: Steven G. Bailey, P.E.

Transportation and Engineering, City Traffic Engineer

Date: January 10, 2005

steve.bailey@cincinnati-oh.gov

TRAFFIC ADVISORY HIGH WATER CLOSING CITY STREETS

The Ohio River continues a slow rise and continues to exceed the 52 foot flood stage reached this past weekend. The high water has resulted in the closing of many streets south of Eastern Avenue, Kellogg Avenue and River Road.

In addition to these streets, both Kellogg Avenue and Mehring Way are also closed because of high Ohio River water.

Kellogg Avenue is closed to through traffic at and east of Stanley Avenue. There are several spots along Kellogg Avenue that are now flooded. Use of this roadway is only permitted for access to abutting properties at certain locations where flood waters allow this access. East side motorists are advised to allow extra time for their daily commutes and should consider using either Columbia Parkway/Beechmont Avenue or I-275/I-471 for access. Both of these routes will be congested but they remain the best alternate routes at this time.

Mehring Way is closed at Carr Street and also just east of Central Avenue by Paul Brown Stadium. Motorists trying to traverse or access the riverfront area should consider using Central Avenue to westbound on Third St. to southbound on the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge to eastbound on Second Street, which has a left turn/ramp that connects to eastbound Second Street.

The City will reopen roadways as the water recedes. The City also cautions motorist to avoid driving through flooded roadways as high water can easily stall or damage your vehicle.

For information about our department, visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote